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MEMORANDUM TO: Acting Deputy Director (Administration)

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SUBJECT : Travel and Per Diem Indebtedness -

1. I am forwarding this recommendation for approval of charge-off based on General Counsel's memorandum which states that "the Security Office requested that for security reasons the matter not be referred to the General Accounting Office."

2. I do not know and maybe I should not question the reasons behind the Security Office action in this case. However, I do think that the reasons should be set forth in writing and made a part of the file or some reference made in the file stating that the reasons are recorded in the Security Office. It just appears to me that the Agency in many instances is taking the line of least resistance by hiding behind the cloak of security or other broad powers given to the Agency instead of taking positive action to effect collection.

3. This case points out the fact that our agreement with prospective overseas employees may need revision to specifically cover the reimbursement of travel expenses to Washington and also per diem allowances while here if an overseas position is not accepted.

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Attachment